

REMARKS

Claims 24 – 26, 29 – 33, 35 – 45 and 47 – 73 are pending.

Claims 35 – 45 and 47 – 73 are allowed.

Claims 33 and 34 are objected to.

Claims 24 – 26 and 29 – 32 are rejected.

Claim 24 is currently amended.

Claim 34 is canceled.

OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

The Examiner has objected to claims 33 and 34 due to dependence from a rejected base claim while indicating that these claims contain allowable subject matter.

The Applicant responds by entering amendments to claim 24, to introduce the feature of claim 34 therein, thus rendering claim 24 and all its dependent claims allowable. Claim 34 is thus canceled.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 24-26 and 29 - 32 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b).

The rejection is believed to be rendered moot by the above amendment, which incorporates into claim 24 the subject matter of claim 34, which was indicated as inventive by the Examiner.

The Applicant respectfully suggests that rejections of all un-canceled claims are moot in view of amendments detailed hereinabove.

All the issues raised by the Examiner have been dealt with.

Prompt notice of allowance is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition for Extension of Time (1 Month)